



## Herbert M. Balin

Senior Counsel

### In Memoriam (1929 – 2015)

Herbert Balin practiced law for more than 60 years, and retired only a short time before his passing on January 9, 2015. He was one of the first attorneys to introduce planning concepts such as clustering. Mr. Balin enjoyed a distinguished reputation for his work in commercial real estate, environmental law and land use. His use of urban renewal laws created well-balanced planned communities that helped to shape the region's development.

He was a member of the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee, and his articles on the Pine Barrens Protection Act can be found in the professional press, as well as in Newsday. He was a director of the Nassau County Bar Association and served as a Director of the Association for a Better Long Island.

Among his most valued professional achievements, Mr. Balin included the creation of the law that enabled the Shelter Rock Public Library to be built and his work with the Herricks School District in the development of the senior and junior high schools, as well as the elementary school.

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He was exceptionally active in his community. He worked to merge the Nassau and Suffolk divisions of the American Cancer Society and served as chairman of the Nassau division and was the first chairman of the combined society. The Long Island division honored him as Humanitarian of the Year. He served on the Board of Directors of Hope for Youth and was a director of the Long Island Aquarium and a Member of the Central Pine Barrens Advisory Committee. He was honored by The Rehabilitation Institute as Man of the Year. Mr. Balin was reappointed by the Governor and reconfirmed by the Senate as a Member and Chairman of the Long Island State Park, Recreation & Historic Preservation Commission. He served until June 2011.

Mr. Balin was admitted to practice in the state of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court; and U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York.

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